



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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## ◆ 2010 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting Update:

[Registration](#) continues to be open for the 2010 OH Meeting. The Meeting [agenda](#) is available on the [NASA OH Meeting website](#). The [Hotel Contessa](#) is hosting the meeting this year, and the hotel room rate is \$117.00 + tax. The last day a discounted conference rate is guaranteed is Wednesday, May 5, 2010. All [reservations](#) after this date will be accepted at a group rate based on availability. The Theme this year is “*Excellence, Innovation, and Leadership: Pathway to the Future*”. We are excited about the diverse speaker and topic line up at this year’s event. We are hopeful that during this time of transition and significant change across NASA the conference will provide attendees with an increased awareness and understanding of the OH issues facing NASA while giving them some tools to adequately address these challenges. Also in response to feedback from attendees we have scheduled additional discussion time for each discipline. And as always at a time when we are all looking for value the annual NASA OH Meeting continues to offer tremendous value for minimal cost. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered in almost all OH disciplines helping all certified personnel meet their CEU requirements. At the time of this newsletter over 86 attendees had registered and we anticipate more to register. We look forward to seeing you there!



◆ **Health Promotion Working Group ViTs:** The June 10<sup>th</sup> [Health Promotion and Wellness](#) (HPW) ViTs has been replaced with three live webinar presentations from the annual OH Meeting in San Antonio. Mark your calendars for June 9, starting at 9:00 AM CT. Access instructions will be distributed closer to the date. The Walk to Wellness Campaign is scheduled to start in mid to late September. My Fitness Solution has ended with very weak participation numbers.



◆ **EHRs Project Update:** The April meeting of the Agency EHRs Task Force Meeting focused on configuration issues in the [Medgate](#) Medical Module. The team discussed and agreed on several changes including the visit types and visit reasons. The Center’s recall/scheduling process for exams was reviewed during the meeting and as a follow-up the May meeting will focus on the functionality in Medgate to manage exam recalls. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The modification of the contract with Medgate has progressed. Once completed the work to bring the hosting of the application inside the NASA firewall will begin. The goal is to have SSC medical and IH staff retrained and



LRC medical and IH staff trained so both can “go live” in the first quarter of FY2011. In April Dr. Vince Michaud from OCHMO joined the EHRs Project Team.

## ◆ The CE and Certification Preparation Access

**Cards:** We offer two access cards to the nursing and other allied health staff for those who are preparing for a new Certification or maintaining licensure through continuing education. If you are interested in receiving the [Unlimited CE Card](#) (Continuing Education) or the [Pearls Review Card](#) (Certification Preparation), please notify [Gail Bantugan](#). These cards are good for one year from the date of activation. Please validate your access card has been fully utilized prior to requesting another one.



## ◆ OH Professional Development Conferences:

Occupational Health is comprised of a number of distinct disciplines. All of these disciplines have their own national conferences that offer an opportunity for practitioners to learn how to increase efficiencies, enhance performance, and increase productivity to help the bottom line and maximize investment by sharing information and knowledge with colleagues. Professionals are able to network with peers from all over the country to benchmark and learn what they are doing to solve similar problems and launch innovative solutions. Certified professionals also earn points to maintain professional certifications.

**So look for your NASA Center Colleagues at these meetings;**

[American Occupational Health Conference \(AOHC\)](#), the [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition \(AIHCE\)](#), the [National Workers' Compensation & Disability Conference and Expo](#), the [Annual World EAP Conference](#), the [Aerospace Medical Association](#), the [Health Physics Society Annual Meeting](#) and more.



## ◆ EH ViTs to Focus on the Technology and Use of Hearing Protection Device Fit Testing:

The topic for the May EH ViTs will be Fit Testing for Hearing Protection Devices. [Dr. Tom Thunder](#) will be the primary speaker and will provide an overview of the rationale for fit testing and an overview of the technology and products available, while also discussing ongoing research and developments in this area.

## ◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- May 10 – 13, Headquarters

## ◆ Upcoming OH ViTs & Webinars:

- Fitness ViTs – May 5, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Workers' Comp ViTs – May 6, 1:00-2:00 EDT
- Environmental Health ViTs – May 17, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- EHRs Task Force Webinar – May 20, 11:30-12:30 EDT
- Health Physics ViTs – May 26, 11:30-12:30 EDT
- Occupational Medicine ViTs – June 1, 1:30-2:30 EDT
- EAP ViTs – June 3, 11:00-12:00 EDT

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